

Amendments to the Claims

1. (canceled)
2. (currently amended) An audio system, comprising:
 - a base unit including at least one source of audio input;
 - at least one output device operable to provide audio output; and
 - a removable faceplate adapted to connect to the base unit, wherein the removable faceplate is operable independent of the base unit as a digital audio player and further comprises:
 - a memory to store data with regard to a current signal received by the faceplate; and
 - a control button to allow a user to select storage of data with regard to the current signal.
3. (original) The system of claim 2, wherein the at least output device includes ~~an~~ a speaker.
4. (original) The system of claim 2, wherein the removable faceplate is operable to play digital audio in a Moving Pictures Expert Group, Layer 3 (MP3) format.
5. (original) The system of claim 2, wherein the removable faceplate comprises rechargeable batteries operable to be recharged when the faceplate is connected to the base unit.
6. (original) The system of claim 2, wherein the base unit and the removable faceplate are operable to transfer digital audio files therebetween.
7. (original) The system of claim 6, wherein the removable faceplate is further operable to download digital audio files from a separate host.
8. (original) The system of claim 6, wherein the base unit is operable to download digital audio files from the removable faceplate to build a music library stored in the base unit.

9. (original) The system of claim 2, wherein the removable faceplate is further operable as a voice recorder and wherein the base unit is operable to play voice recordings from the removable faceplate.